GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF PEOPLE DISPLACED BY SETTING UP OF HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to formulate a national policy for rehabilitation of people likely to be displaced by setting up of hydro power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of that national policy; and

(c) the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): In terms of the Policy on Hydro Power Development, approved bythe Government in August, 1998, it would be the responsibility of the respective State Governments to acquire land (Government/Private/Forests) forthe hydro-electric projects and also to negotiate the terms with the land owners as per policy adopted by the respective State Governments. The Policy further stipulates that all the issues relating to resettlement and rehabilitation associated with the hydro-electric power projects have to be addressed by the State Governments. The Ministry of Rural Development is formulating aNational Policy on Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Project affected families.